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SUBJECT: SAUDI PURCHASE US ARMS FOR YAR

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1. WELCOME NEWS THAT DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS "INTENDS EXPLORE GENERAL
SUBJECT OF ARMS FOR YEMEN DURING FORTHCOMING TALKS WITH SAUDI
OFFICIALS."

2. AS I WILL BE CALLING ON PRESIDENT HAMDY TOMORROW
APRIL 8, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN THESE TALKS WILL BE SO THAT
I MAY PASS THIS ON TO THE PRESIDENT. IN VIEW OF LACK OF HARD IN-
FORMATION THUS FAR RE US-SAUDI INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS
YEMENI ARMY, ANY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

3. MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY OWN
PERSONAL DISQUIET AT THE LENGTH OF TIME IT IS TAKING TO GET
FORWARD ACTION ON THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM FOR THE YEMENI
ARMY. GIVEN THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND HIS
EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE RECENT RIYADH COM MEETING FOR
SPEEDY ACTION, I HOPE THAT CLEMENTS WILL DEFINITELY
BE ABLE TO TAKE UP SUBJECT OF "IMPACT PACKAGE" WITH SAUDIS DURING
FORTHCOMING TALKS. YEMENI LEADERSHIP IS, TO SAY THE
LEAST, BEGINNING TO SHOW OBVIOUS SIGNS OF IMPATIENCE AND

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SKEPTICISM OVER SAUDI AND AMERICAN PROMISES OF THE LAST YEAR

OR SO.

4. AS SEPARATE BUT RELATED MATTER, WOULD HOPE THAT DEPT
CAN IMPRESS ON DOD NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS SHIPMENT OF 30 M 825 JEEPS
FOR 106 RECOILESS RIFLES PURCHASED BY YARG. DETAILS THIS MATTER
BEING PROVIDED BY SEPARATE DAO MESSAGE.
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